

Stomminster Dec 10/50

Dear Miss Weston,

I have used my best endeavours to get up interest sufficient in Worcester County, (North) to have a County Table at the Fair. As yet I have not heard from all the towns which I have visited as to what they are likely to accomplish. Still I am warranted in saying that we shall have a very respectable table. It is the wish of those ladies whom I have heard from that I should take charge of the table.

We have not accomplished as much in this town as I could have wished. I have been sick with a fever, & for many weeks could do nothing. Other ladies seem not to have felt disposed to engage in <sup>the</sup> work to any extent. Still we have a very acceptable donation on hand, I trust.

I feel pleased with our prospects for refreshment, our people have opened their hearts, many who have refused me a slice of bread heretofore, are now willing to contribute even a loaf. I shall probably bring with me enough for the first week in the refreshment room & a good supply will be sent the second week. The needed supply of hoops & crosses are in readiness for the hall. I take it for granted that

it is best to keep them <sup>here.</sup> till the last day of decoration.

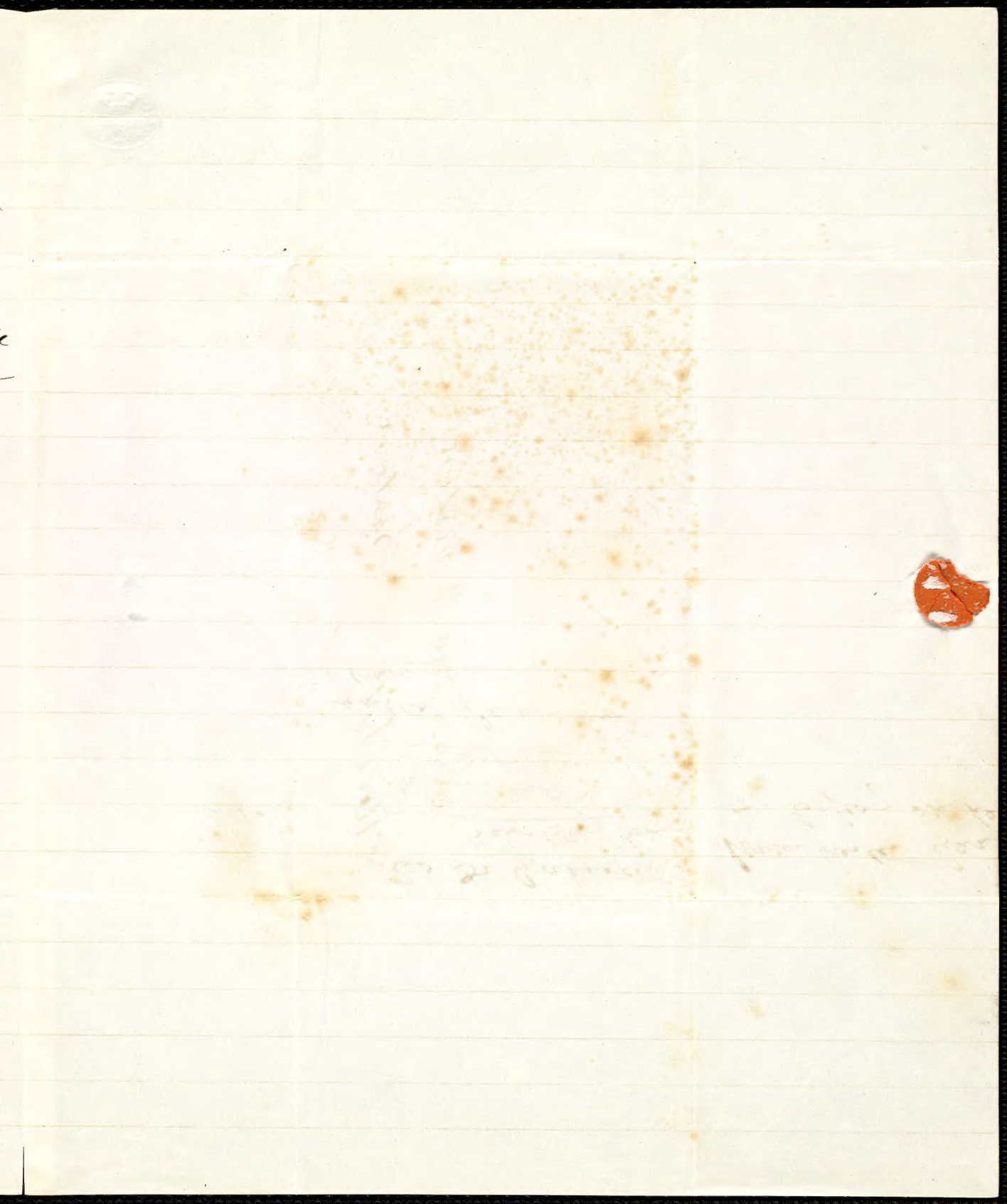
Mrs Maria Richardson & myself will take charge of the County table together. I hope we shall have the good fortune to find lodgings together.

As Concord is not to furnish a table. If proper that we should, we should like that stand, it would seem so homelike to me. Begging pardon for the liberty I have taken to suggest this. I remain,

Devotedly Yours,

Frances H. Drake





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